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LAST month, as we have already reported in our news columns, the question of the Crown Agents was again brought to the notice of the members of the House of Commons. Apparently a determined effort is to be made to force an issue, with which movement a great amount of Colonial sympathy is expected to be associated, for the matter has been shelved too long, and in ways quite inconsistent with the principles of government that were strengthened by the Ballot Act. Mr. WALKER's questions could not be argumentative—for that is unparliamentary—but they were so ingeniously framed as to throw into prominence "the unconstitutional and anomalous position" which the Crown Agents and their defenders are obliged to take up under criticism. When the same Member of Parliament was officially told, six or seven months ago, that the appointment of nominees, without examination, to positions in the Crown Agents' office was a purely domestic matter affecting and interesting only the Crown Agents themselves, it was felt that a most daring, almost insolent, challenge had been flung to those who are anxious to see this nepotistic blight on a democratic constitution done away with. Last month Mr. WALKER asked whether the SECRETARY OF STATE would, in the exercise of his general control and supervision over the conduct of the business of the Crown Agents, consider whether greater efficiency would ensue if the present system, under which appointments to the staff of

the Crown Agents' office were made by nomination and without an examination of any kind, were replaced by a system under which candidates were required to enter for a competitive examination in open competition. Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL replied that it was obviously desirable that appointments to Government services should be made either by competitive examination or by selection after standard examination, and promised that the SECRETARY OF STATE would consider whether such a reform could be conveniently effected in the system of appointment to the staff of the Crown Agents' office. But he declared that the questions connected with such a change were complex, and no decision could be taken upon them at present. Though this politician is often twitted with his youth, he has much of the acuteness of older Parliamentary hands, and he promptly "hedged" by adding the remark that it must not be assumed that the SECRETARY OF STATE admitted any lack of efficiency in the Crown Agents' department. Whether it be so admitted or not does not really matter; the condition of affairs speaks for itself. A Sikh night watchman could be provided by a humane employer with a feather bed and a blanket without admitting that he would go to sleep on duty; and a tender hearted mistress might over-feed her cat without admitting that its qualities as a mouser would deteriorate. Others would still know what to think; and unfortunately, in the case of the Crown Agents, there has been no dearth of evidence as to their lack of efficiency. But Mr. WALKER also attacked the subject on constitutional grounds. He asked the UNDER-SECRETARY whether, seeing that the funds available for the maintenance of the Crown Agents' office were drawn in part from protectors which are largely financed by grant-in-aid from the Treasury, he would arrange that the House of Commons should not again, until it had a practical and efficacious right of control, be asked to sanction expenditure that would go in part towards the maintenance of the Crown Agents' office. Face to face with this poser, the UNDER-SECRETARY was less confident, and weakly pointed out that the system provides for an audit of the accounts of grant-in-aid colonies. He apparently was able to see, what the Crown Agents' critics have never lost sight of, that such control as the SECRETARY OF STATE is supposed to exercise was unpractical and inefficient, and in that case, he said, the House of Commons would no doubt be allowed to express its opinion "upon some convenient opportunity." That reply merely pressed upon the sore; the mischief is that opportunities to discuss the Crown Agents, entrusted as they are against all constitutional procedure, do not constitutionally present themselves. They have to be searched for, almost invented; and it is manifestly improper that a department so intimately concerned with the expenditure of public money should be so protected from criticism and sheltered from investigation. The critics have found a splendid champion in Mr. WALKER, and Mr. CHURCHILL was not long in discovering that he was crossing swords with a duelist too clever for him. Mr. WALKER asked him if there were any other case in which grants of public money were made "without the corresponding right of public control. Unwilling to admit, what the question clearly made evident, that the case of the Crown Agents presented an exception to all rules, the UNDER-SECRETARY mumbled an evasive answer, for the purpose of which the public had to wait the appearance of Hansard. Finally, Mr. WALKER raised the question of the consulting engineers' fees, and asked whether the consulting engineers to the Crown Agents had anything to gain by recommending the construction of railways; whether they, or their representatives, were employed and received remuneration for their services in connection with the construction of railways which had been undertaken upon their recommendation; and if so, what had been the amount of their remuneration from this source during the last ten years, how was it assessed, and from what fund or funds had it been paid? Mr. CHURCHILL replied that the consulting engineers employed on behalf of the Crown Colony and Protectorate Governments advised only on such schemes as were referred for their advice by the Colonial Governments with the sanction of the SECRETARY OF STATE. They did not recommend schemes in any other sense than that they stated the merits or demerits of any project upon which they were called upon to advise, from an engineering point of view. Should the SECRETARY OF STATE decide that any scheme should be carried

out, after the consulting engineers had advised, their further advice was, if advice was necessary, utilised in connection with its execution. The course followed was the ordinary practice whenever professional advice in any branch was sought either by Governments or by private individuals. How far it might be possible or expedient to furnish a return of the nature desired, required, he urged, further consideration. In order to stimulate such "further consideration," Mr. WALKER at once gave notice that the return would be asked for. We are still waiting for that return, and most anxious to give it what publicity we may, when it does come.

The French Mail of the 25th December was delivered in London on the 23rd inst.

H.E. The Governor will be at home on Thursday, January 31st, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. at Government House.

An officer of the Salvation Army, in the uniform of his order, attracted considerable attention in the streets of the city yesterday.

The first plague case for this year was reported yesterday. It was a Chinese in Lee Yuen Street West, and died fatally.

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God save the King.

DINNER MENU.—Hors d'Oeuvres—Tartlets à la Russe. Soup—Mock Turtle. Fish—Smoked Grouper and Egg Sauce. Entrees—Veal Cutlets and Green Peas, Pigeon Fennel à la Provençale, Devilled Eggs, Curry—Or Brain, Joints, &c.—Roast Sirloin of Beef and Horseradish, Roast Turkey and Cranberry Sauce, Boiled Leg of Mutton and Caper Sauce, Cold Bolognese Sauce and Tomato Salad, Swiss—Toast Fritting, Gooseberry Pie and Custard, Turkey Cake, Cheese, Strawberries, Dessert—Coffee—Fruit.

The prospect of an unsatisfactory result of the German elections from the point of view of the Government appears to have formed the subject of serious consideration. The Berlin correspondent of the *Frankfurter Zeitung* says that there are two main lines of opinion on this question. There are those who think that in the event of an adverse result of the elections the present Imperial Chancellor or his successor would accept the inevitable and would continue to make the best of the Parliamentary situation. There are others, and their numbers are very great, who share the opinion of the well-known Radical Dr. Barth and regard the dissolution as "the beginning of a period of constitutional crisis which will extend over many years and will either end in a deep slough of reaction or in the establishment of real modern constitutionalism." Notwithstanding the Government's semi-official repudiation of a policy of repeated dissolutions it is noteworthy that the *Oologues Gazette* discusses on the basis of the letter of the Constitution the possibility of obtaining supplies and arranging for necessary expenditure while the Reichstag is not sitting. We may call special attention to the illuminating comments of our Hamburg correspondent.

The following is the text of the address which was last month being signed by some hundreds of his fellow-countrymen and others, to be sent from the Principality to the Rev. Dr. Griffith John, the well-known Welsh missionary of China:

"To the Reverend Griffith John, D.D.
"We, the undersigned being some of the workers at, and the visitors to, the Great Missionary Exhibition held in Wrexham, desire to very heartily congratulate you on the jubilee of your work as a missionary of the Cross in China. We would acknowledge with deep gratitude to God your manifold works of faith and labours of love in the extension of Christ's Kingdom amongst the Chinese.
"As a preacher of the Word, as a translator of the Scriptures, as an evangelist by the pen, as a great Christian leader, you have been permitted in the Providence of God to play a great part in the spread of the Gospel in China.
"We rejoice that God has spared you so long to carry on your work of winning China for Christ, and we pray that you may have the joy of returning to the land of your adoption, to continue your glorious work. We thank you for your kind interest in our exhibition, which, we trust, under the blessing of God, may be the means of arousing the churches of Wales to the deeper sense of their responsibilities to the heathen world.
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Sanitary Inspector, Coyah proceeded against seven natives, six women and one man, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Police Court yesterday, on a charge of overcrowding. The defendants were convicted and fines amounting to \$22.50 were inflicted.

The Hawaiian Medical Association have proposed the enactment of legislation requiring applicants for permission to practice medicine in Hawaii to pass examinations in English. At present many Japanese applicants insist that the examination shall be conducted in their cases in the Japanese language. The existing law on the subject is indefinite.

It fell to the lot of a certain provincial Lady Mayoresa, "M.A.P." says, to receive a number of members of the Royal Family and show them round some newly-opened institution. On entering the building they were asked to sign their names in the visitors' book. They did so in the usual style for royalty—Maud, Beatrice, Patricia, and so on. When it came to the turn of the Lady Mayoresa to sign, she looked at the royal signatures with some surprise. Evidently the latest fashion, she thought. Best to follow suit. So she signed below the others—Eliza.

BURNS' ANNIVERSARY.

CELEBRATION IN HONGKONG.

There is no Scotsman about whom more has been written and said than Robert Burns. According to the temperament of the individual, he is either the subject of praise or reproach and this loveable debatable character will doubtless continue to inspire eloquent eulogies and provoke bitter condemnation "wherever Scotsmen gather." Burns was indeed a true prophet when he said before his death that he would be more thought of a hundred years thence. Now Burns' worship is a cult which many men outside of those who speak the "auld Scots tongue" are glad to profess, and as the anniversary of his birth comes round each year there is a spirit of pious rivalry oratory that is not all the east Lord Rosbery has suggested.

Though the Scotch colony in Hongkong is large and the admirers of the bard are consequently numerous, the celebration of "the 25th" is more temperate than might be expected. There is no Burns' Club here but the St. Andrew's Society are not unmindful of their duty. They help to perpetuate the "immortal memory" by a concert, which is always a popular event, as the sweet songs of the bard artistically interpreted by local singers appeal to a much wider audience than those who claim Scottish birth or parentage.

St. George's Hall was well filled last night on the occasion of the Scotch concert promoted by the St. Andrew's Society in celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Scotland's national bard. A portrait of Burns occupied the place of honour on the platform and above it was the lion rampant. Mr. Hough, the president, was supported by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sheehan and other leading members of the Society. The programme opened with a Scotch Medley by the Band of the 3rd Battalion Middlesex Regiment, the variety of airs, from mournful to martial, being played in such a manner as roused the warm emotions of the auditors. Equally pleasing was the "Reminiscences of Scotland" in the second part. Mr. B. H. Baxter added to his reputation as a soloist by his sympathetic rendering of that pathetic song by Burns "My Nannie's Awa," for which he was deservedly encored, responding with "O'er the Hills and through the Gales" and "The Auld Scots' Song" and bringing out his happier sentiment very artistically. Mrs. G. H. Edwards contributed "Bonnie Mary of Argyll" and "O'er the Hills and through the Gales" and "The Auld Scots' Song" and bringing out his happier sentiment very artistically. Mrs. G. H. Edwards contributed "Bonnie Mary of Argyll" and "O'er the Hills and through the Gales" and "The Auld Scots' Song" and bringing out his happier sentiment very artistically.

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BEFORE SIR FRANCIS PIGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

FIRE INSURANCE CLAIM.

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TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

WILLIAM WHITELEY MURDERED.

LONDON, January 25th.
William Whiteley, the "Universal Provider," has been murdered by a man said to be his son.

WINTER SEVERITY.

LONDON, January 25th.
The severe cold is unabated.

MORE DREADNOUGHTS.

LONDON, January 25th.
The United States has decided to build two vessels of the *Dreadnought* type.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE JAMAICA EARTHQUAKE.

LONDON, January 23rd.
The Mansion House fund has reached £25,000, of which £15,000 has been wired to Jamaica.

THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

LONDON, January 23rd.
Mr. Root, the guest of the Canadian Club in Ottawa, in a speech, said that the difficulties between Canada and the United States were insignificant compared with the fact that both had lived in peace for ninety years.

ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN.

LONDON, January 23rd.
Count Gallina has been appointed Italian Ambassador to Tokyo.

EARTHQUAKES IN SUMATRA.

LONDON, January 23rd.
A Hague official notification states that on the 11th inst., the island of Simulu almost disappeared; 1,500 persons lost their lives and violent earthquakes occurred daily.

JAPANESE LABOURERS IN CALIFORNIA.

LONDON, January 23rd.
The immigration Commissioner in San Francisco under instructions from Washington, has forbidden the landing of 200 Japanese labourers from Honolulu.

GREAT BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

LONDON, January 23rd.
The *Times* says that Saionji's speech commands, both in substance and form, the admiration of Japan's European allies, as well as gratification at the growing solidity of the Anglo-Japanese alliance. It is felt in Great Britain that the strength of the alliance makes both parties earnestly desire an attitude of lasting friendship and goodwill towards a third Power in Asia, and urges a cordial understanding with Russia as the best means of maintaining peace.

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LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. KOWLOON.
A match will take place to-day at the H.K.C.C. ground, commencing at 1.15 p.m., between the Club and Kowloon.
The following will represent the H.K.C.C.:—W. C. D. Turner, H. W. Woodward, A. N. C. R. Mackay, Hon. Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, R. E. O. Bird, N. H. Rutherford, E. A. Fowler, R. A. B. Ponsbury, Capt. Miller, 3rd Mid., Capt. Thompson, 3rd Mid., and Dr. C. Forsyth.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. "A" v. R.S.A.
The following will represent the "A" team in the league match on the naval ground (by kind permission) this afternoon at 2.15 p.m.:—T. C. Gray, Comm. Colomb, B.N.R., Lt. Dodgson, B.N., S. Robinson, B.N.R., S. Moore, H. H. Taylor, F. Bevington, A. Mackenzie, A. S. Cobden, J. H. Chalmers and P. Jacks.

CIVIL SERVICE v. R.S.A.
The following team has been selected to represent the Civil Service—"A":—H. T. Jackman (Capt.), Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, F. A. Biddan, E. B. Reed, G. A. Woodcock, P. R. Adams, L. E. Brett, P. T. Lambie, A. J. Jordan, E. W. Dawson and A. N. Othor.

CIVIL SERVICE "A" v. PARKER C.C.
The following team has been selected to represent the Civil Service—"A":—C. Chawley, G. Pile, W. Galt, A. Cooper, G. Hoggarth, A. Tucker, D. Willis, L. Bolton, G. Badcock, G. Cole and C. W. Brett.

POLICE v. CRAIGENGOWER.
This league match takes place on the Police ground at Happy Valley, starting at 2.15 p.m. to-day. The Police team is composed of Woodhouse, King, Langley, Kern, McHardy, Kent, Phil, Winter, Edwards, Fowler and Apol. Reserves: Davis and Foley. Umpire: Withers.

The following will represent Craigengower:—L. E. Lammer (Capt.), E. Bass, A. O. Brown, M. E. Anger, L. A. Ross, E. Irving, E. S. Ford, R. B. Cooper, S. E. Green, G. Evans and H. Hunter. Reserves: J. Postonjee.
HONGKONG FARMER C.C. v. CIVIL SERVICE C.C.
On Civil Service pitch, at Happy Valley, to-day at 2.30 p.m., the following will represent the Farmer C.C.:—F. J. Canga (Capt.), J. D. Norris, B. P. Tavadia, B. A. Tarapore, M. Bezonjee, J. H. Bezonjee, S. B. Bottiwalla, L. R. Captain, R. Jeewanjee, C. B. Mownawalla and P. P. Naladkar. Umpire: A. B. Aravia. Scorer: A. B. Khanna.

LEAGUE TABLE.

The following is the League table up to date:—

CLUB.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.
Hongkong Police	9	6	2	1	70.37
Craigengower	10	5	3	2	56.88
H.K.C.C. "A"	10	5	4	1	53.33
Civil Service	8	4	1	3	62.50
Kowloon	8	3	3	2	66.66
Army Staff	10	2	6	2	26.66
R.S.A.	6	1	3	2	27.72
R.E.	9	1	7	1	7.30

3 points = a win.
1 point = a draw.

FOOTBALL.

FOOTBALL CHALLENGE SHIELD.

Matches to be played to-day (Saturday) Rugby Club and Royal Engineers on the Club ground at 3.45.

HONGKONG RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

The following have been selected to play for the Hongkong Rugby Football Club against the R.E. in the tie for the Challenge shield on Saturday, January 26th. Kick off 3.45 p.m. sharp. The Club will play in Club jerseys. Goal, J. Clark; Backs, C. M. Freshwater and G. L. Jotham; Half-backs, H. Hancock, F. C. Hall and G. J. Lecky; Forwards, N. S. Forbes, B. E. C. Master, J. McG. Taylor, T. E. Pearce and A. O. Lang.

Royal Engineers: Shute; Headwood and Boardmore; Eayne, Forsyth, and Hamblin; Turner, Lieut. Ogilvie, Hamblett and Davies.—Linesman Lee, Off. Harrell.

Eng. Lieut. Forbes will officiate as referee. R.A.M.C. and Lusitano F.C. meet at 3 p.m. on military ground, Happy Valley.

Qr. Mr. Sgt. English, 3rd Middlesex Regt. will referee.

Teams: R.A.M.C.—Atkins, White and Stanley; Smith, Wharton and Grimesall; Johnson, Coop, Primer, Jones and Davis.

Lusitano—F. de Silva; L. G. Cordeiro, J. C. Barreto; J. M. Victor, P. de Rosa and H. Hyndman; R. C. de Silva, A. G. V. Ribeiro, L. A. Ozerio, E. V. Barros and E. Hyndman.

CANTON.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

January 24th.

ITALIAN-CHINESE AMENITIES.
At 11 a.m. yesterday Viceoy Chou Fu called on Commandatore Volpielli (who had arrived a few hours before), Italian Consul-General, at the Victoria Hotel. His Excellency was accompanied by Lo Tso-tat. After the usual courtesies the Viceoy returned direct to his yamen. Comm. Volpielli will return the call on the 25th instant, and will be accompanied by Baron Novellis, (Captain of the Cruiser Marco-Polo), and a suite of Italian officers. Baron Novellis was until lately Commodore of the Italian Squadron in the Far East and landed down his flag only when he left Shanghai.

On the 25th instant Comm. Volpielli, Baron Novellis and suite will call on the Tartar-General, the 24th and 25th instant being Court mourning days (anniversaries of deaths of sovereigns of the present dynasty) no salutes can be fired; and, consequently, the Tartar-General cannot receive them on those days. Baron Novellis has been specially requested by the Italian Legation at Peking to call upon H.B. the Viceoy.

AN AMERICAN APPOINTMENT.

Viceoy Chou Fu has appointed the Honourable Stephen W. Nickerson (Imperial Chinese Consul at Boston, Mass., U.S.A.) as Director General of the Chinese Commercial Intelligence Bureau for the United States. Cablegrams have been sent to Washington and to the Waikupa announcing the appointment.

TRANSFER RUMOUR (CONTRADICTED).

Local authorities have received telegrams from Peking stating that the rumour of the transfer of Viceoy Chou Fu and the high officials is without foundation. It states that H.E. Chou Fu's second son has been promoted to Salt Comptroller of Cheong Lo in the Chihli Province. All the local officials called on His Excellency and offered their congratulations.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

A private meeting was held at the Kwong Chai Hospital by the gentry of the nine charitable institutions (Viceoy Shun's clique of Directors of the Yue-Hai Railway Company). Lo Kwai Wai was elected to preside as chairman. The following resolutions were passed and enthusiastically adopted:

(1) Telegrams to be sent to H.E. Chang Chih-tung, Governor Pong Hung-shu and the Bureau of Posts and Communications to the effect that the accounts of the railway company had been audited and found satisfactory. It having been discovered that Young Sai-Ngam and Chan Kang-Yu are foreign subjects, it was decided to ignore them as shareholders of the company. Their idea is to invest all the railway funds in foreign banks and to engage lawyers to interfere in the matter. Should those foreign banks fail, what shall we do? It is plain that their intention is to borrow some foreigner's name and grasp all the money. It is through our integrity and power that the company was floated and now they are endeavouring to undo what was done by us. This has agitated the feelings of the general public.

(2) To elect 10 persons who will sign a petition which will be presented to Viceoy Chou Fu and if any of the signatories were to be arrested and imprisoned a sum of \$100 will be paid to his or their family as maintenance allowance. These funds will be subscribed by the guild to which he belongs. If any one of the 10 persons be arrested, all the others will join together in issuing expressions to close all the gates in the city and to get the representatives of all the guilds to proceed to the yamen where the person is detained.

(3) To issue a notification stating that the railway company decided to ignore Young Sai-Ngam and Chan Kang-Yu as shareholders of the company. The employees of the Kwong Chai Hospital will be authorized to post these notifications in the city and if any of them should be arrested by the police and imprisoned a sum of \$15 will be paid to the family as maintenance allowance. The representatives will proceed to the yamen and will ask the officials if they have accommodation to imprison all the people. We will uphold our position with an iron hand and resist to the end. With regard to the expenses for cubing we will now all subscribe to it.

(4) To boycott some of the local newspapers as we now boycott all American goods. We will all post notices at our doors giving the names of those newspapers which we will boycott. We have information (here follows a list of people said to have been bribed, the amounts being stated, and the officials blamed). We should not deter or fear in taking proceedings against these officials.

(5) To boycott the police. The police are supported by the merchants of the 72 guilds. We will refuse to permit them to patrol our streets and will refuse to pay police tax. Henceforth we will engage soldiers to protect us.

THE "CRAIK CHILDREN'S FUND."

We publish by request of Mr. R. H. Baxter, the Hon. Sec. of the Kowloon Book Reading Club, the following further list of subscribers to this fund—Amount previously acknowledged—\$1,666.00. Messrs. T. Skinner \$25, H. Smith \$50, W. J. Rattey \$25, T. Neves \$10, Jas. McGowan \$10, Joseph Oakland \$10, Jos. E. Humes \$5, A. Nicholson \$10, D. Horley \$10, J. Fischer \$5, A. Miller \$2, J. Ramsey \$5, D. Neilson \$10, W. Ramsay \$20, W. G. Humphreys & Co. \$50, Chas. A. Gupp & Co. \$25, Robert Hunter \$5, J. Gillespie \$5, British Antifouling Co. Ltd., London, per Messrs. Meyer & Co., \$50, F. Schwartzkopf \$50, Mr. and Mrs. Pithon \$50, G. S. Webb \$5, A. Gordon \$50, D. Purves \$5, Laue, Crawford & Co. \$10, W. Nicholson \$25, W. Watson \$10, Ah Chee \$10, Ah Kee \$10, Ah Chung \$20, Ma Wong \$5, Ah Fook \$5, Ah So \$1, Hung Kwong \$1, Taek Joe Hing \$5, Ah Wai \$5, Ah Man \$2, Ma Cheung \$5, Ma Fan \$10, Ah Koo \$5, Ah Fook \$2, Hun Hoi \$2, Kwong Hing \$5, Tai Lee \$2, F. S. S. Sing Lee \$2, Ah Hing \$5, Ah Sheung \$5, Chan Sing \$5, Heng Mau \$20, Ah Choi \$10, Ah Hop \$5, Ah Hon \$5, Lam Ping \$5, Ling Chai \$1, Leng Kum \$1, Ah Chung \$5, Ah Yoon \$5, Kah Yuen \$5, Ah Wore \$5, Ah Hoi \$5, Ah Sing \$5, Heong Fat \$5, J. Hand \$10, R. S. \$100. Total \$2,590.

HAMBURG.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

December 24th.

PAPAL INFLUENCE IN GERMANY.
Although as a rule I try to steer clear of politics in my letters I consider the dissolution of the Reichstag last week of sufficient importance to justify a few words of comment more especially as the English papers seem to attribute the defeat of the Government on the supplementary estimates for the war in South Africa by a narrow majority of seven, to growing discontent with the personal rule of the Kaiser, in which I believe them to be mistaken. That discontent exists to some extent, I will not attempt to deny, but a glance at the division list shows that the opponents consisted chiefly of the Roman Catholic party, known as the Centre, the Socialists and a few of the extreme radicals and the Poles. The last named, like the Irish, are always ready to vote against a government that declines to countenance their separatist schemes, whilst the Centre have but one object in view, the establishment of the supremacy of their Church in the state, to achieve which they try to exact fresh concessions "in majorem Dei gloriam" for any support they may give. How far this practice of a quid pro quo is carried by Rome is illustrated by the account now widely circulated in the press of negotiations about a former army bill, when the Pope, having been asked by the German Government to bring pressure to bear on the Centre, demanded 5,000 francs for his good offices; Prince Hohenzollern, who was then at the head of affairs and from the unpublished part of whose Memoirs the story is said to be taken, advised the Kaiser to grant the amount, but not to pay it, until the bill had been definitely passed and in the meantime to send a valuable jewel as an earnest. The Centre naturally much incensed, pronounced the whole story to be a fabrication, but as a Bishop's ring with a gem of great price was actually presented to the Pope at the time by the German ambassador and as so far no official denial has been received either from Rome or Berlin it looks as if there were some truth in the story.

AND SOCIALISTIC.

The Socialists again oppose on principle most measures brought forward by the government. It is a perpetual trial of strength, for they, much as the Labour party at home, aim at nothing less than to become the paramount rulers of the country. The "control of the purse strings" may be an effective way to go to the hustings with, but it ill conceals the lukewarm patriotism and narrow-mindedness with which the "Reds" and the "Blacks," as they are called, have for years obstructed colonial enterprise and have, by refusing to grant adequate funds, hampered the development of the German possessions abroad. It is chiefly owing to them that the construction of railways in the colonies has been delayed and it can admit of no doubt that but for the absence of the necessary facilities of transport in South-west Africa the rebellion would have been suppressed before now and the troops engaged been spared much suffering. By again declining to vote the money required for the continuation of the existing line of railway and by insisting on the withdrawal of part of the expeditionary corps in the face of the unanimous opinion of the military experts, they have aroused the indignation of all true patriots and the attempt to rake up old colonial scandals, which careful investigation has long since proved either devoid of foundation or else much exaggerated, has aggravated their offence. There is a general opinion that party differences should be set aside for the time and that, conservatives, national liberals, anti-semites and the smaller liberal factions, should join hands in making a stand against the common enemy, but whether they are prepared to do so, appears exceedingly doubtful. It would be idle for me to enter further into the subject as by the time this reaches you, the result of the elections, which are fixed for January 25th, with second ballots where such should be necessary about the middle of February, will have been ascertained to every part of the world. Still, for the sake of comparison, it may be interesting to note the number of votes cast by the different parties on the last occasion in 1903. The population of the empire at that time amounted in round numbers to 55,400,000 souls, of which about 12 millions were in possession of the franchise; of these about 9 millions went to the poll, viz.

3,040,771 social democrats
1,875,273 members of the Centre
1,317,411 national liberals
948,448 Ger. or conservatives
333,494 German imperialists
243,230 united liberals
538,206 liberal Volkspartei
347,784 Poles
244,543 anti-semites

The remainder belonging to the other small parties in the state. Of the three million electors that abstained from voting probably very few belonged, owing to the strict party discipline enforced by their leaders, to the Centre or the socialist party. It may therefore be safely asserted that with fewer abstentions the result would have been a different one. Since that time the population has increased to close on 61 millions, of which, taking the above proportion of 22 per cent, about 13½ millions would be entitled to vote. The greater therefore the number of indifferenters that can be brought to the poll, the better the chances will be for the patriotic parties. Here in Hamburg, I am sorry to say, the socialists are in such an overwhelming majority that a change in the representation is hardly to be expected.

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A LINK OF EMPIRE.

THE ROYAL COLONIAL INSTITUTE.

On March 10th, 1869, at Willis's Rooms, the inaugural dinner took place of what was then named the Colonial Society. Among the distinguished men who attended the names of the then Prime Minister, Mr. Gladstone, is the one most familiar to a short-memory generation. Of those gathered on that occasion hardly one is now left. With peculiar felicity Mr. Rosebery, the American Minister, was a guest of the evening, and "The Prosperity of the United States" was the toast first drunk after that of "Her Majesty the Queen."

The speeches which followed are of unusual interest to day, especially when viewed in the broad light of improved perspective which even a third of a century gives to history. This was a period in which the Little Englander, too common to excite notice, had hardly yet realised his political mission. In 1869 such ideas as "imperial organisation" and "Colonial nationalism" which are now almost commonplace, would have been regarded as revolutionary in character. Several provinces of Canada, in fact, were at that time in the process of being "settled" by the British Empire, but the majority of the men who advocated that step regarded it as merely another stage on the road to separation. Goldwin Smith had, in season, and out of season, preached his doctrine of disintegration with far-reaching effect: the Permanent Under-Secretary of the Colonial Department, known later as Lord Bloisford, was decidedly favourable to the idea of settling Imperial difficulties, as shown by an article in the *Nineteenth Century* published in 1877; even Sir George Cornwallis Lewis could see no remedy for an unsatisfactory condition of affairs save amputation. The great alternative seemed to most men to be a choice between the old "plantation" theory of colonies and the new "settlement" theory, as shown by an article in the *Nineteenth Century* published in 1877; even Sir George Cornwallis Lewis could see no remedy for an unsatisfactory condition of affairs save amputation. 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6. Barrack Services and Scavenging.
7. Washing.
8. Transport Services (Supply of Lauchoes, Junks, Coolies, etc.).
9. Forage.

Forms of Tender and any Particulars can be obtained on application to this Office, personally or by letter, addressed to the Officer Commanding Army Service Corps, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The Tenders must be properly filled up, signed, and dated, and no Tender will be received unless delivered upon the proper form at the HEAD QUARTERS OFFICE by 12 o'clock Noon on the above date, in a closed envelope marked "TENDER" on the outside.

The right to reject any or all Tenders is reserved.

HEAD QUARTERS OFFICE, Hongkong, 26th January, 1907. 277

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 4th February, 1907, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1906.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 30th January, to MONDAY, the 4th February, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD., Kowloon Land & Building Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 26th January, 1907. 278

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 26th January, 1907, at 2.30 P.M., at No. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF JAPANESE GOODS.

Consisting of:—

CHINESE FURNITURE, Catalogues will be issued. Terms:—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 26th January, 1907. 280

C. DE M. C. VIEIRA-RIBEIRO, Auctioneer.

FAVOURER with instructions, will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 26th January, 1907, at 2.30 P.M., at No. 25, WONG NEI CHONG ROAD, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, THEREIN CONTAINED, Consisting of:—

BEDSTEADS, WARDROBES, DRESSING TABLES, WASHING STANDS, OVENMANLES, CROCKERY WARE, etc., etc.

Terms:—As usual. Hongkong, 26th January, 1907. 281

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS and CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT is now ready and contains:—

Epitome of the Week's News. Leading Articles:—

A Bad Deceit. Yuan Shih-kai. Another "Model Settlement." Hongkong's Status. Japan and China. Hongkong Sanitary Board. Supreme Court. Another Highway Robbery. Bravery Recognized. The Governor's Return. Sale of Naval Vessels. Junk Bay Flour Mill. European Lady Robbed. Shanghai Municipal Council for 1907. Companies:—

Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. West Point Building Co., Ltd. Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. Canton-Kowloon Railway Loan Agreement. Confucius Festival. Slave Hunter Killed. Philippine-Japanese Association. Opium Pourparlers. Administrative Experiments in Coochin-China. So Soon? Swatow Railway Report. Another Peking Decree. Interesting Chinese Claims at Manila. The Famine in Chinkiang. Steamship Subsidies. Ma Dat San, The Boycott Leader. Canton. The "Crack Children's Fund." Kulungu (Amoy) Municipal Council. The Scotch Concert. Commercial. Shipping. Extra copies 30 cents each, Cash. Copies can be posted from the Office to addresses sent; including postage 34 cents each, or 31 Cash for three copies. Subscription: \$12 per Annum, payable in advance; postage 12. Hongkong, 27th January, 1907.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, 618, S.C.

ALL Members of ST. JOHN'S LODGE desirous of being Present at the Presentation of the Masonic Address to H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, are requested to apply to the SECRETARY, Masonic Hall, before the 26th inst. Hongkong, 26th January, 1907. 278

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, to sell by Public Auction, On WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 30th and 31st January, 1907, commencing each day at 11 a.m., at the Central Police Station's Compound, and at the Tsim-Tsai Police Station, Kowloon, respectively, SUNDAY UNCLAIMED AND CONFISCATED GOODS, Consisting:—

CHINESE CLOTHING, BLANKETS, PIECE GOODS, SALT FISH, INDIGO, DRIED LICHES and LUNG-NGAN, MATCHES, CHINESE PAPER, BLACK-WOOD WARE, TOBACCO, WAX, CHINESE UMBRELLAS, CHINESE CANDLES, RATTAN, MATTING, VERMILLION, &c., &c., &c.

A Quantity of GOLD and SILVER JEWELRY. Terms:—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers. Hongkong, 26th January, 1907. 282

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

I have this Date appointed Mr. H. GOYNE STEVENS to Act as Attorney for me during my Absence from the Colony. During my Temporary Absence Dr. AINSIE will attend to my Patients. Dr. J. H. SWAN. Hongkong, 24th January, 1907. 270

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ROBERT HUNTER BRUCE in our Firm CEASED on 31st December, 1906. We have Admitted Mr. WILLIAM WILSON and Mr. RICHARD NIKOLAUS ONLY Partners in our Firm from this Date. TAIT & Co. Amoy, 1st January, 1907. 138

BOOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the BOOTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL on TUESDAY, the 29th January, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 26th January, 1907. 272

D.G. LODGE OF SOUTH CHINA AND HONGKONG E.C.

M. S. who are NOT Members of any Lodge in the Colony are reminded that applications for Tickets to H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S RECEPTION must reach THE D.G. DIR. OF CEREMONIES, E.C., Masonic Hall, before the 31st inst. Not later than SATURDAY NEXT. Members of Lodges in the Colony desirous of attending should apply to the SECRETARIES of their Lodges, to whom full particulars are being sent, before the 31st inst. Hongkong, 26th January, 1907. 273

ZEILAND LODGE, No. 335, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of ZEILAND LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL on FRIDAY, the 1st February, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 26th January, 1907. 274

WANTED: Able Correspondent in English to contribute to a monthly Trade Journal in India and to supply Market Reports, Statistics and General Commercial News. Also energetic and influential Agents to canvass for the same and Merchants and Manufacturers to send their price lists, specialties, &c., for review. Apply to the publishers, THE LINDO-EUROPEAN COMMERCIAL AGENCY, Times Building, Hornby Road, Bombay. 235

INFERIAL CHINESE RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION. CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

OWING to the probable high cost of one quality of Timber, the Railway Company will accept Tenders with sample submitted for the following MIXED AUSTRALIAN HARDWOOD SLEEPERS, 50,000 in all, in proportional quantities, in addition to Grey Gum and Iron Bark:—

TURPENTINE. TALLOW WOOD. BED and WHITE MAHOGANY. The Tenders will be opened on the 4th Feb. 1907, at 2 p.m., as previously advertised. By Order, K. Y. KWONG, Engineer-in-Chief. Yuh-Han Railway, Canton, 22nd January, 1907. 287

ENTERTAINMENTS

THE CATHOLIC UNION.

ALL THE SEATS FOR THE GRAND GALA NIGHT OF THE "ALADDIN" TO-NIGHT (SATURDAY), 26th inst., at 9 p.m. Having been Booked the Plan of Seats is now CLOSED. Only STANDING ROOM may be available. Hongkong, 26th January, 1907. 261

AUCTIONS

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MICROSCOPES, TELESCOPES, SEX-TANTS, BINOCULARS, SOUNDING MACHINES, CLOCKS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, BILLIARD BALLS and CUBES, PICTURES, NEW SPRING OVERCOATS, FELT HATS, SILK UMBRELLAS, CAPS, &c., &c.

One REMINGTON TYPEWRITER. COLUMBIA GRAMOPHONE with 60 RECORDS. PATENT SHIPS LOGS. BENSON'S GOLD WATCH and a Quantity of ENGLISH GOLD JEWELRY; And One Set ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA—25 Vols. with Rotating Case to 8. 75 Vols. PROCEEDINGS of the INSTITUTE of CIVIL ENGINEERS. One Set ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA—Unabridged, 15 Vols. One WEBSTER'S ENGLISH DICTIONARY. One WEBSTER'S FRENCH and ENGLISH DICTIONARY. One Set RADIMANCES of HONGKONG, and One Powerful MICROSCOPE in Case by Crouch, London. Terms:—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 26th January, 1907. 268

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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report dated Hongkong 25th January, 1907:—"The improvements in rates reported in our last have been fairly well maintained, and although a few of the leading stocks show a slight decline at time of closing, others have improved, and the balance for the week shows no material change. Exchange on London T/T 2/2 1/2, on Shanghai 7/3."

BANKS—A few further sales of Hongkong and Shanghai were made during the early part of the week at \$950, and sales in Shanghai are reported at \$1000. Later, however, the local rate weakened in sympathy with a fall on the London market to £108. 10s., and some small sales were effected at \$94 1/2, at which the market closed with sellers. Nationals remain unchanged and without business.

MARINE INSURANCES—Unions have improved to \$780 with sales, and close with buyers. Yangtze has been placed at \$157 1/2. Cantons have receded to \$295 without sales. North China unchanged and without business.

FIRE INSURANCES—Hongkong have found buyers at \$375, closing quiet at that rate. Chinese continue in demand at \$80, but we have no business to report.

SHIPPING—Hongkong Canton and Macao remain steady at \$30 with small sales. Indos have ruled practically nominal at \$37. Star Ferries (old) have been placed at \$30 and \$21, closing steady at quotation. Shell Transport, after a demand and a supply, have improved to \$30 with sales and no sales. New Amoy Docks have declined to \$12, and close with buyers at that rate, after some sales. Shanghai Docks have improved in the north, and after sales at Tls. 107 close with buyers at Tls. 103. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves have ruled steady at Tls. 235 ex new issue, and Tls. 225 for the new issue.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS—Hongkong Lands continue to rule firm and the rate has improved to \$121 without bringing out any more sellers. West Point has been in a small demand and the rate has improved to \$121 with no sales to report. Hotels have been acquired for at \$115 without leading to business. Humphreys, after sales at \$1180, \$1190 and \$12 close annually at the last rate.

CORPORATE MINES—Several important improvements have taken place in the rates for the Northern Mills. Ewes have gone up to 74, International to 62, Leong Kung Mow to 130, and Soy Chee to 375. Hongkong remains quiet and without business at \$112.

MISCELLANEOUS—China Providents have found further buyers at \$49, Coments at \$21 and \$21 1/2, Electric at \$16 and Ropes at \$21, the same rate as last week. China Import and Export, after sales at \$240, have improved to \$250 with buyers, after sales at \$240. Steam Water Boats have been placed at the reduced rate of \$67, and Powells at \$71.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong—27th Sunday, January 27th. Morning: Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.), Matins (11 a.m.). Responses: Festival: Venite, Hine; Psalms, of the 27th morning: Te Deum, Laudes, Credo and Hopkins; Benedictus, Langdon; Hymns, 33, 228 and 83. Evening: (6.45 p.m.). Responses: Festival: Psalms, of the 27th evening: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Wesley in F; Anthem: "From all that dwell"—Walmley; Hymns, 449 (Tune 46) and 477. Sevenfold Aton; Voluntary: Meditation Torcota El d'Ery.

St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road, West, September 27th. Sunday January 27th. Morning: Prayer 11 a.m. Venite, Hine; Te Deum; Woodward; Benedictus, Troutbeck; Hymns, 168, 172, 322 and 540; Kyrie. Evening Prayer 6.30. Cantate, Croft; Deus, Hopkins; Hymns, 170, 176, 196 and 229. Holy Communion 7.45 p.m.

The Church launch, Deyssing, will call on ships carrying white crews, to bring friends ashore to the services, between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 10.30 and 6), returning afterwards. The "Answering Bells" is the call flag. All the sittings are free and unaccompanied. Visitors welcome. Books, etc., provided.

Sunday School 10—10.45 a.m.

Union Church, Kennedy Road, Minister:—Rev. C. H. Hickling. 11 a.m. Worship, Hymn 123, Psalm 23, Anthem "Jesu, Word of God incarnate" (Gossard), Hymns 67 and 140. 12 noon Communion around the Lord's Table. Hymn 415; 4 p.m. Sunday School at Union Church, in British School, Kowloon, and at Quarry Bay. (3.30. 6 p.m. Worship, Hymn 353, Psalm 138, Hymns 507, 228 and 365. Wednesday 6 p.m. Service, with address by the Pastor. Thursday 8 p.m. Literary Club, Lecture by Rev. T. W. Pearce "The Beginning of the Protestant Propaganda in China." Friday 8.30 p.m. Ladies' Working Party; 8 p.m. C. E. Society; Subject: "Believing on the Lord Jesus Christ."

Wesley's Methodist Church, Wanchai, Minister Rev. C. Bone. Sundays 10.15 a.m. Service at the Church; 3 p.m. Sunday School Church; 2.30 p.m. Men's Bible Class at the Home Arsenal Street; 6 p.m. Service at the Church; 8 p.m. Fellowship meeting at the Home. Monday 8 p.m. Class meeting. Wednesday 8 p.m. Gospel Temperance meeting at the Home. Thursday Bible Class at the Church. Friday 8 p.m. Class meeting at the Home. Saturday 8 p.m. Prayer meeting at the Home.

St. Andrew's, Kowloon.—(Robinson Road, near British School). Sundays—Holy Communion 1st Sunday in month at 10.30; 2nd and 4th Sundays at 8 a.m.; 3rd and 5th Sundays at 7 p.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 a.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon at 6 p.m.; Children's Service (and Baptisms, if necessary) on 2nd Sundays, at 3 p.m.; Sunday School at 3 p.m. on remaining Sundays. Wednesday Shortened Evening Prayer with address, at 6 p.m.; Congregational Practice of Hymns, &c. at 6.45. "Hymnal Companion" used and provided. All seats are free after the commencement of Service. Appropriated sittings are reserved up to the time only. Churchings before or after any of the services and Baptisms at special times, by appointment with the chaplain. The Church is open daily until sunset, and can be used for Prayer and Meditation.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES, York Building, Chater Road. Sundays 11.15 a.m. Wednesdays 6.30 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road (Roman Catholic), Mass, Benediction and Sermon (in English) at 10 a.m.

MR. ROOSEVELT AND CONGRESS.

(From The Times' correspondent.)

Washington, December 18th.

Congress is growing restive under the avalanche of messages. Nearly the whole day yesterday was occupied in reading the messages on the public land laws, the personnel of the navy, and the Panama Canal.

To-day a special message was read transmitting the final report of Mr. Metcalf on the situation with regard to the Japanese at San Francisco. The President reiterates the intention to use all the forces of the Government, civil and military, in order to protect Japanese residents. On this point Mr. Metcalf is in full accord, as he closes his report with these words:—"If the police power in San Francisco is insufficient to meet the situation and to guard and protect Japanese residents, to whom under treaty we guarantee full and perfect protection for their persons and property, then it is clearly the duty of the Federal Government to afford such protection."

The President calls the special attention of Congress to Mr. Metcalf's concluding sentence. There was no uncertainty of tone in these words, and Congress must either act or acquiesce.

Vice-President Aoki, the Japanese Ambassador, speaking at a banquet last night, referred to the "living monument of cordial friendship which connects the two countries," and added:—"The dream of the pessimist who sees the phantom of a struggle for supremacy between Japan and the United States for the control of the Pacific is too ridiculous to be made the subject of serious comment."

In a message accompanying the report of Mr. Metcalf the President calls attention to the very small number of Japanese children attending school (only 63) in San Francisco, to the testimony as to their brightness, cleanliness, and good behavior, and to the fact that owing to their being scattered throughout the city the requirement for all to go to one special school is an impossible one and means that the children cannot have school facilities. The message goes on to declare that there would be no objection to excluding Japanese from the schools on the score of age, as the only point at issue is the exclusion of the children themselves. The Government, President Roosevelt formally intimates, has already directed a suit to be brought to test the constitutionality of the Act in question, but he earnestly desires that the suit will not be necessary, and that as a matter of courtesy the citizens of San Francisco will permit Japanese children to go to school.

Mr. Metcalf's report concluded as follows:—"All considerations which may move a nation, every consideration of duty in the preservation of our treaty obligations, every consideration prompted by 50 years of close friendship with the Empire of Japan, would seem to argue in favor of the United States and of all its people the fullest protection and the highest consideration for the subjects of Japan."

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ARRIVALS.

CHITUM, Chinese steamer, 25th January—
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DIOMED, British str., 3,005, W. H. Torbelle,
25th Jan.—Liverpool 14th Dec., General.
—Butterfield & Swire.
HAITAN, French str., 377, L. Anderson, 25th
Jan.—Pahol 20th Jan., and Helbow 23rd,
General.—A. E. Marty.
HAITAN, British str., 1,185, J. S. Bouch, 25th
Jan.—Swatow 24th January, General.—
Douglas Lafrank & Co.
JOHANNES, German str., 852, Island, 25th Jan.
—Deli 9th Jan., Penang 11th, Singapore
15th and Helbow 24th, General.—Jessen
& Co.
MACKAY, German str., 996, R. Hollner, 25th
January—Vungro Bay 22nd January.—
Butterfield & Swire.
MARIS, German str., 1,169, J. Petersen, 24th
Jan.—Mauritius 30th December, Sugar—
Chinese.
RIVERPORT, British str., 2,230, S. H. Whiteway
24th January—Cardiff 5th Dec., Coal—
Admiralty.
SOPHIE RICKERS, German str., 3,548, H.
Kohn, 24th Jan.—Mojl 10th Jan., Coala—
Bradley & Co.
TAKACHINO, Japanese flag ship, (Rear-Admiral
C. Tamari on board), 3,800, Tonami, 25th
January—Amoy.
TAMING, British str., 1,550, A. W. Outerbridge,
25th Jan. Manila 22nd Jan., General—
Butterfield & Swire.
TATU MARU, Japanese str., 1,951, N. Yanagi,
24th Jan.—Kobe 16th Jan., Coal and Gene-
ral—Chinese.

CLEARANCES.

At the Harbour Master's Office.
Jan. 25th.

Arcadia, British str., for Europe.
Diomed, British str., for Shanghai.
Haitan, British str., for Swatow.
Haitan, British str., for Chafco.
Loyal, German str., for Saigon.
Triumph, German str., for Hongkong.
Yahiko Maru, Japanese str., for Java.

DEPARTURES.

AUSTRIA, Austrian str., for Shanghai.
CHANGCHOW, British str., for Swatow.
CHANGCHOW, British str., for Amoy.
DEVANHA, British str., for Shanghai.
FANANG, British str., for Koba (Tonkin).
HONGKONG, British str., for Amoy.
KANJO MARU, Japanese str., for Saigon.
KALIN, Norwegian str., for Saigon.
LOONGSANG, British str., for Manila.
PHANAGO, German str., for Bangkok.
SKULL, Norwegian str., for Saigon.
YAWATA MARU, Japanese str., for Australia.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Haitan* reports: Moderate
easterly wind and overcast.
The German str. *Mackay* reports: Fine
weather and light N.E. wind.
The British str. *Diomed* reports: Light
N.E. to E.N.E. wind, smooth sea and fine
weather.
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DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON &c, via USUAL PORTS OF CALL	ARCADIA	Brit. str.	—	A. I. Valentini	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	BORNEO	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 30th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	GLAMORGANSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	Magnum	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	About 20th Feb.
MARSEILLES, &c, via PORTS OF CALL	OKANIMEN	Frans. str.	—	Winnenberg	MESSENGERS MARITIME	On 5th Feb., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG	OKANIMEN	Frans. str.	—	Winnenberg	MESSENGERS MARITIME	On 13th Mar.
BREMEN, via PORTS OF CALL	PRINZ HEINRICH	Ger. str.	—	P. Gersch	MELCHERS & Co.	On 30th inst., at Noon.
HAMBURG via PORTS	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	—	Muller	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th Feb.
HAVRE, ANTWERP & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	SPEZIA	Ger. str.	—	Malchow	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 23rd inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	SAXONIA	Ger. str.	—	Sachs	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 22nd Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	BRASILIA	Ger. str.	—	Ross	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 24th Mar.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN & BALTIC PORTS	KINA	Den. str.	—	—	—	About 10th Feb.
NAPLES, LISBON, HAVRE & HAMBURG	SILBIA	Ger. str.	—	Rohle	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 8th Feb.
NAPLES, LISBON, HAVRE & HAMBURG	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	—	v. Dohren	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 20th Mar.
NAPLES, PLYMOUTH, HAVRE & HAMBURG	HAMBURG	Ger. str.	—	Filler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 5th April
TRIESTE, &c, via SINGAPORE, &c.	CHINA	Aust. str.	—	Damianovich	SANDELL, WIELER & Co.	About 31st inst.
NEW YORK	SIKH	Brit. str.	—	—	—	About 9th Feb.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 14th Feb., at 4 P.M.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	SHAWMUT	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. V. Roberts	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 20th Feb., at Noon.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA via JAPAN	SHAWMUT	Brit. str.	1 m.	W. C. T. S. Filmer	TOTO KISEN KAISHA	On 5th Feb.
SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via JAPAN PORTS	KASATO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	About 25th Feb.
SAN FRANCISCO via PORTS	KASATO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	To-day, at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via TIMOR	EMPIRE	Brit. str.	—	Helms	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	On 2nd Feb., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	MANILA	Ger. str.	—	Munson	MELCHERS & Co.	On 11th Feb., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	TAIWAN	Ger. str.	1 m.	L. Dawson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 10th Feb.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	TRANQUEBAR	Den. str.	—	C. Lindeberg	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th Feb., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	TRANQUEBAR	Den. str.	—	C. Lindeberg	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 10th Feb.
JAPAN	THIBODA	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst., Daylight.
TSINGTAO & CHEFOO	HONGKONG	Brit. str.	—	—	—	To-day, at 5 P.M.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	KWONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	W. P. Baker	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.	To-morrow, at Daylight.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	SHOHEI MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Nomoto	OSAKA SHOSHO KAISHA	On 29th inst., Daylight.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	GREGORY APCAR	Brit. str.	—	S. H. Belson	DAVID SASSOON & Co., LTD.	On 29th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PRUSSIAN	Ger. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 30th inst.
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	Brit. str.	1 m.	F. W. Northcombe	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 1st Feb., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PALEMA	Ger. str.	—	G. W. Cockman, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 3rd Feb.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	—	v. Dohren	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 5th Feb.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HELLAS	Ger. str.	—	H. Oha	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th Feb.
TAMSUI via SWATOW & AMOY	JOSEPH MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHO KAISHA	On 27th inst., Daylight.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	HAITAN	Brit. str.	2 h.	J. S. Bouch	DOUGLAS LAFFRAIK & Co.	To-day, at 5 P.M.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	LOHANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	W. Lloyd Jones	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at Daylight.
MANILA	RUBI	Brit. str.	—	R. Almond	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	To-day, at Noon.
MANILA	TAMING	Brit. str.	1 m.	A. W. Outerbridge	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 29th inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—	R. Rodger	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 2nd Feb., at Noon.
CEBU & ILOILO	SUNSHINE	Brit. str.	1 m.	J. Robinson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 5th Feb., at 4 P.M.
CEBU & ILOILO	MADRANG	Brit. str.	—	R. Houghton	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	LAISANG	Brit. str.	—	P. M. B. Loko	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.	To-day, at 2 P.M.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA "LAISANG" Saturday, 26th Jan., 2 P.M.
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA "MAURANG" Saturday, 26th Jan., 4 P.M.
FOR SHANGHAI via SWATOW "KWONGSANG" Sunday, 27th Jan., daylight.
* These Steamers have superior accommodation for First-Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.
† Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Chafco, Tientsin, (via Chingwan) and Yampoo Ports.
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Hongkong, 25th January, 1907.

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GENERAL MANAGERS.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1907.

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AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

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ST. PETERSBURG & VLADIVOSTOCK.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	"TRANQUEBAR"	About 10th Feb.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN and BALTIC PORTS	"KINA"	About 10th Feb.

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1907.

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FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA. FOR THE STRAITS, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, PLYMOUTH, HAVRE, & HAMBURG.

SCANDIA	5th February	*SILBIA	8th February
HABSBURG	3rd March	*SCANDIA	22nd March
BRENNAN	2nd April	HABSBURG	5th April
HOHENSTAUFEN	30th April	BRENNAN	17th May
SILBIA	31st May	HOHENSTAUFEN	14th June
SCANDIA	30th June		

* Call at LISBON.

FREIGHT SERVICE.
NEXT SAILINGS OUTWARD.
FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA... 5th February
FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA... 10th February
FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA... 14th February

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SPEZIA	FOR HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	28th January
*SILBIA	NAPLES, LISBON, HAVRE & HAMBURG	8th February
SAMBIA	FOR HAMBURG via PORTS	10th February
SAXONIA	FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG	22nd February
SLAVONIA	FOR MARSEILLES, HAVRE & HAMBURG	13th March
BRASILIA	NAPLES, LISBON, HAVRE & HAMBURG	20th March
*HABSBURG	FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG	24th March
	NAPLES, PLYMOUTH, HAVRE & HAMBURG	5th April

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VICTORIA, B.C. AND TACOMA
via
MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamers	Tons.	Captain	Sailing Date
SHAWMUT	9,906	E. V. Roberts	On 5th February.
TREMONT	9,906	T. W. Gerlick	On 26th February.

† Cargo only.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND
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QUEEN'S BUILDINGS,
Hongkong, 5th January, 1907.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

FOR SHANGHAI YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APCAR."
Captain S. H. Belson, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 29th inst., Noon.

This steamer has superior accommodation for passengers and is installed throughout with Electric Light and carries a duly certified Doctor.

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DAVID SASSOON & Co. Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1907.

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STEAM FOR
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Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KALACH, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.
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The Company's Steamship

"CHINA."
Captain Damianovich, will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 31st inst., P.M.
This Steamer has capital accommodation for passengers, electric light and carries a doctor.
For information as to Passage and Freight apply to
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents,
Princes Buildings,
Hongkong, 5th January, 1907.

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FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, ADEN, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, LONDON, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

THE Steamship

"OCEANIC."
Captain Magnus, will be despatched for MARSEILLES, on TUESDAY, the 5th February, at 1 P.M.
This Steamer connects at Colombo with the Australian line s.s. "Nera," bound for Marseilles via BOMBAY and Aden.
Passage tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports.
Cargo also booked for principal places in Europe.
Next sailings will be as follows:
S.S. "TOURNAI" 19th Feb.
S.S. "TONKIN" 5th Mar.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1907.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE

(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT MALABAR COAST.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR NEW YORK.

"MUNCASTER CASTLE" 12th Mar.

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Hongkong, 12th November, 1906.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

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Will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 20th February.

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Hongkong, 18th January, 1907.

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FOR SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via JAPAN PORTS.

Regular Steamship Service between Hongkong, CALLAO and IQUIQUE via JAPAN PORTS.

Steamer Tons To Sail.

"KASATO MARU" 6,000 In April, 1907.

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PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STRAIGHTS TO SAIL REMARKS.

LONDON, &c., via usual ports. **ARCADIA** Noon, 26th January. See Special of Call. Capt. S. L. Valsell.

LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, BORNEO About 30th January. Freight and Passage. Capt. G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.

SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and PALMA About 3rd February. Freight only. Capt. G. W. Cockman, R.N.R.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1907.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR STRAIGHTS TO SAIL.

TSINGTAO and CHEFOO "HANGCHOW" On 26th Jan., 2 P.M.
SWATOW and SHANGHAI "ICHANG" On 27th Jan., daylight.
MANILA "TAMING" On 29th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI "SHAHSING" On 1st Feb., 4 P.M.
OBU and LIOLO "SUNGKIANG" On 5th Feb., 4 P.M.

MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE. "TAIYUAN" On 11th Feb., 4 P.M.

YOKOHAMA and KOBE "TSINAN" On 12th Feb., 4 P.M.

* The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unvalued Table. A daily qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.
† Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates or all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

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Hongkong, 26th January, 1907.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR THE CO'S S.S. LEAVING

* TAMUI via SWATOW and AMOY { "JOSHIN MARU" SUNDAY, 27th Jan., at DAYLIGHT. Capt. H. Ohta.

† SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY and FOOCHOW { "SHOSHU MARU" TUESDAY, 29th Jan., at DAYLIGHT. Capt. M. Nemoto.

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For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office, at Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

T. ABIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1907.

PASSENGER SEASON 1907.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

THROUGH STEAMER

FOR MARSEILLES AND LONDON.
VIA COLOMBO AND BOMBAY.

THE STEAMSHIP

"MACEDONIA,"

10,500 TONS, CAPT. C. D. BENNETT, R.N.R.

WILL BE DESPATCHED AT NOON,

ON

SATURDAY, 23RD MARCH,

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Hongkong, 11th October, 1906.

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TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STRAHNS.	SAILING DATES.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY 30th January
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY 13th February
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY 27th February
† SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY 13th March
PRINZ LUDWIG	WEDNESDAY 27th March
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY 10th April
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY 24th April
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY 8th May
BA FERN	WEDNESDAY 22nd May
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY 5th June
SCHARNHURST	WEDNESDAY 19th June
ROON	WEDNESDAY 3rd July

ON WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of JANUARY, 1907, at Noon, the Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain P. Gross, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at Naples and Genoa.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 29th Jan. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 29th Jan. and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 29th Jan.

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The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

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	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
TO NAPLES, GENOA AND GIBRALTAR	281 0 0	242 0 0	222 0 0
return	91 0 0	63 0 0	33 0 0
TO SOUTHAMPTON, LONDON, BREMEN AND HAMBURG	35 0 0	44 0 0	24 0 0
return	97 0 0	68 0 0	36 0 0

* TO NEW YORK VIA SUEZ:

	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
VIA NAPLES, GENOA OR GIBRALTAR	34 0 0	44 0 0	26 0 0
return	115 0 0	79 0 0	42 0 0
VIA BREMEN OR SOUTHAMPTON	68 0 0	46 0 0	27 0 0
return	133 0 0	83 0 0	49 0 0

* In the event of the passenger leaving the Mail Steamer at Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar and travelling to Bremen or Southampton overland the same rates as via NAPLES, GENOA OR GIBRALTAR, but in this case the cost of the railway trip, etc., to be at passengers' expense.

TOUR VIA INDIA:

Passengers have the option of using a Steamer of the British India S. N. Co., from Singapore to Calcutta instead of an Imperial Mail Steamer from Singapore to Colombo. The cost of the journey from Calcutta to Colombo by rail or steamer is, however, not included.

INTERUPTION OF THE VOYAGE IN EUROPE.

Passengers to European and New York are entitled to travel by the N. D. L. Mediterranean Steamers from ALEXANDRIA, to Naples or Marseilles instead of using an Imperial Mail Steamer from Port Said.

JAPAN-CHINA-AUSTRALIAN LINE. VIA NEW GUINEA.

FOR MANILA, SIMPSONHAFEN, FRIEDRICH WILHELSHAFEN, HERBERTSHOEHE, MATUPI, SBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STRAHNS	SAILING DATES
MANILA	1780 tons SATURDAY, 2nd Feb.
PRINZ VALDEMAR	3277 tons THURSDAY, 28th Feb.
PRINZ SIGISMUND	3802 tons THURSDAY, 28th Mar.

ON SATURDAY, the 2nd FEBRUARY, at Noon, the Steamship "MANILA," Captain Minssen, with Mails, Passengers and Cargo, will leave this Port as above. Linen can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:

	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
TO MANILA	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$20.00
TO NEW GUINEA	\$28.00	\$18.10	\$14.00
TO BRISBANE	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$14.00
TO SYDNEY	\$23.00	\$20.00	\$14.00
TO MELBOURNE	\$23.10	\$20.10	\$14.10
TO YOKOHAMA	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$14.00
TO KOBE	\$35.00	\$20.00	\$14.00
TO YOKOHAMA and back from KOBE to HONGKONG	\$140.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

THROUGH RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:

	1st Class
TO EUROPE VIA AUSTRALIA AND COLOMBO by Imperial Mail Steamer	237 0 0.
TO EUROPE VIA AUSTRALIA AND AMERICA	96 0 0.
From Australia to New York via Vancouver by the C.P.R. Co.'s steamers, or via San Francisco by the O. & C.S. Co.'s steamers, and from New York to Europe by the Magnificent Express Steamers of N.D.L.	

SAILINGS OUTWARDS.

EUROPEAN & AUSTRALIAN SERVICE

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, "PREUSSEN" Wednesday, 30th Jan.

KOBE & YOKOHAMA, "PREUSSEN" Wednesday, 13th Feb.

TRANS-PACIFIC THROUGH TICKETS FROM HONGKONG via Vancouver or San Francisco to New York by the C.P.R. Co.'s steamers P.M.S.S. Co., O. & C.S. Co., T. K. K. and from New York to Europe by the Magnificent Express Steamers of the Norddeutscher Lloyd are issued at the following Rates:

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R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF INDIA" 6,000	THURSDAY, 14th Feb. ... 4th Mar.	
"ATHENIAN" 3,882	WEDNESDAY, 20th Feb. ... 18th Mar.	
"MONTEAGLE" 6,163	WEDNESDAY, 27th Feb. ... 23rd Mar.	
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN" 6,000	THURSDAY, 14th Mar. ... 1st April	
"TARTAR" 4,425	WEDNESDAY, 27th Mar. ... 20th April	
"EMPRESS OF CHINA" 6,000	THURSDAY, 11th April ... 29th April	

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COTTON-GROWING IN INDIA.

A return of correspondence between the India Office, the Indian Government, and the British Cotton-Growing Association has been published as a Parliamentary paper (342). On August 31st, 1905, the Indian Government addressed a letter to the Secretary of State in which they expressed their cordial agreement with the objects of the association, as made known by a letter from Mr. J. A. Hutton to Lord Curzon. They added that the matter had been referred to the Indian Board of Agriculture for its careful consideration; and, after mentioning various useful observations and suggestions that had been made by the Board of Agriculture, and asking for permission to appoint a cotton expert on the staff of the Board, the Government went on to say:

"The problem is largely a commercial one, and the cultivators will not abandon the coarse, hardy, prolific varieties for the fine, delicate varieties until they are satisfied that the latter yield the greater and surer profit. Our object must be to make cotton of any kind, without regard to the length of staple, a more certain yielding crop to the Indian cultivator; while we understand that one main object of the British Cotton-Growing Association is to increase the production of the long-stapled varieties suited to the needs of Lancashire. These objects are by no means antagonistic, as the association themselves remark, and as will be seen from the above account of our action. We are inclined to think that the association can best assist in their attainment, so far as India is concerned, by aiding in arrangements adopted with a view of securing that the Indian cultivator who grows a good sample of high quality cotton may reckon on getting a price for his produce, however small in quantity, better than the market price for the larger supplies of poor quality cotton. If the association desire to give financial assistance for the improvement of Indian cotton, the most practicable method would seem to be for it to make an annual grant, which could be utilized under orders, either in giving a subsidy to the cultivator for every acre of fine-stapled cotton grown by him, or the recommendation of the local Department of Agriculture, which would make special arrangements to help him in securing a fair price for his superior cotton, or in compensating him for any loss incurred in the initial stages of such cultivation. If this suggestion meets with the approval of the British Cotton-Growing Association, we shall be glad to give all possible assistance in its execution."

Mr. Brodick, in a despatch dated October 27th, 1905, sanctioned the appointment of a cotton specialist, Mr. John Morley, very soon after taking office, communicated (on January 5th, 1906) to the Indian Government the fact that the association proposed to make a grant of £25,000 for four years in aid of cotton-growing in India, to be employed as the Government pleased. Mr. Hutton, in a letter to the Secretary of State (dated December 6th, 1905) offering the above-mentioned grant, said:

"I would request that, as far as possible, where advances are made, that it should be stipulated that the cotton grown should either be sent to this association for sale, and that the proceeds of the sale, after deducting the cost of the surplus proceeds to the planter, or that arrangements should be made, as far as possible, for the money to be advanced on a business basis, so that there would be some possibility of, at any rate, some portion of it coming back again. If this can be done, I have no doubt the Council would be prepared to advance the money, and, for further period, and I would suggest that a reasonable rate of interest should be charged."

The India Office and the Government of India have expressed their gratification at the liberal conduct of the association, and stated that it should be kept fully informed as to the employment of the money.

THE GOLD RESERVE.

All business men will agree with the remarks made by Sir Felix Schuster to the Institute of Bankers on the necessity of increasing the gold reserve held by the Bank of England. The recent increase in the bank rate showed how very much alive the directors of the Bank of England are to the danger of allowing their stock of gold to be depleted, but almost every business in the country has felt the inconvenience which is inseparable from the means of preventing the gold supply from being drained away to the United States. The desirability of having a large gold reserve is admitted on all hands, for business is paralyzed without it; but unfortunately the experts are by no means agreed as to the best method of securing it. It is a serious matter if, as Sir Felix Schuster said, the liabilities on current and deposit accounts of the banks in the United Kingdom are over eight hundred millions sterling, while the stock of bullion in the coffers of the Bank of England only amounts to thirty-three millions odd. Sir Felix suggests that to remedy this state of things a special reserve should be formed by each bank contributing two per cent of its liabilities on current accounts. This he calculates would bring in about eight millions, while if the Post Office Savings Bank were brought into the scheme, another four millions might be looked for from that source. This reserve he would place under the control of a small committee, composed of representatives of the banks, and he would give power to the latter, in times when the rate of interest was abnormally high, of increasing the rate to an extent equivalent to a quarter or a third of this special reserve. It is a proposal which requires careful consideration from many points of view, but it is certainly the most practical made yet, and Sir Felix Schuster's reputation as a banker stands too high to allow even the most convinced opponents to dismiss it without careful consideration.

CONFERENCE OF ALLIES.

JAPAN MAY POINT OUT DEFECTS OF BRITISH ARMY.

The *Express* understands that a conference is likely to be held in Japan early next year on questions relating to mutual tactics and defence arising out of the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

It is not yet certain whether military officers only will proceed from England for this purpose, or whether two or more distinguished naval officers will be included also.

It has been submitted in this respect that as England is first-class naval power, all questions relating to her Navy should be discussed at home.

It is hoped, however, that this view may be over-ruled. It has been pointed out that as three distinguished Japanese admirals, a visit of British admirals to Japan would suggest reciprocity, and need not be considered as a precedent.

It is not anticipated that any immediate or visible result will ensue from the conference, which, however, will serve to accentuate the alliance between the two powers.

It is possible that Japan may point out very cautiously, but very firmly, to her ally that the organisation of her Army is neither entirely satisfactory nor capable.

OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN.

A Mail paper says:—

The most common specimens of old Chinese porcelain in England are blue and white, and the exhibition at Mr. T. J. Larkie's gallery, New Bond Street, of the magnificent Bourdieu Collection will be surprised at the wealth of colour of the various objects. Each case resembles a garden of flowers of dainty shapes and exquisite hues. Green responds to red and blue to gold in an infinity of tones that produce the richest harmony. This collection proves in a remarkable degree the greatness of the Chinese artists from the year 960 to 1821. Before art was articulate in the Western world the Chinese had created masterpieces, and with them as with all other races colour first appealed to their senses—form came with reason and knowledge. In the case containing examples of primitive art there is a bowl (506) of the Sung period glowing like a leechwood or a virgin-crozier in autumn. In all Venetian art there are no hues to equal the depth and richness of those on this rudely formed object. In the same case there is a beautiful square vase (514) of bluish shape, Ming period. It is, oddly enough, of Arabic design, the idea for which may have been brought from the Near East by some traveller or transmitted from India after Alexander's invasion. The ground is of turquoise-blue colour, and it is decorated with branches of peach tree of violet enamel and flowers in white. Very charming and rare is a standing figure (534) of Kwanyin (the Goddess of Mercy), in green, red, and purple drapery. Two marriage libation cups of Ming period also, are extremely scarce, for after the ceremony these vessels are broken, as are the cups or glasses in Jewish and Russian rites. A perfect example of this period may be seen in the large vase (458) with dragons among flames, and rouge-tint, green, yellow, blue, and violet enamel on white ground. Of Kang-hi porcelain there are charming pieces, notably a pair of famille-verte standing figures of Court ladies (446), standing in pose and design; a figure of a priest (416), modelled with vigour and vivid expression; and a splendid large plate (337). The Yung'king period supplies a pair of hexagonal baluster-shaped vases of the most elaborate description, both in design and execution; an oviform eggshell lantern of unusual colour; and a baluster-shaped vase of exquisite workmanship. The Kien'long period was a time of fancy and butterfly-like fragility—of eggshell objects, delicate in quality, tender in half-tones of rose, praline blossom, and other hues. A large plate (184) may be mentioned. Peach and peony entwined in a decoration whose gleam is heightened by the introduction of a hint and a butterfly, and the space of lacious white ground has fine artistic value. But to many the gem of the collection will be a large black vase (461), Ming period, decorated in relief with the flowers of the four seasons in amber, yellow and green. It is far superior to the black vases which brought 3,700 guineas at Christie's on Friday. The quality of the porcelain is rich, and the ornamentation and spacing are happy thoughts expressed by the craft of a master. All students of Chinese art should see this exhibition.

CHINESE IN LIVERPOOL.

HOW THEY MONOPOLISE THE LAUNDRIES.

In a series of articles upon Liverpool's Yellow Peril, the special correspondent of the "Liverpool Courier" gives an account of the Chinese capture of the laundries.

The Chinese are rapidly gaining almost a monopoly in laundry work, he says, with the result that they are displacing the townspeople. This is the more distressing in the effect by reason of the fact that laundry workers are a very poor and comparatively helpless class of the community. Widows, many with children to support, take up laundry work as their only resource, while the wives of labourers eke out a scanty livelihood by the same means.

In many cases the wife of an unemployed labourer endeavours to keep body and soul together by laundry work, while her husband is trampily seeking a wayward search for work he cannot find. Many instances can be quoted where women are appealing for half a day's work at a laundry to keep the house together while the husband is tramping from town to town.

The Chinese invasion of the laundry trade in Liverpool started twenty years ago. At that date Yee Chin opened a laundry in Newington; he was the first Chinaman unconnected with the sea to take up a permanent residence in Liverpool. Yee Chin flourished amazingly, he charged very high prices, and he made money fast. He was patronised by prosperous people and a lucrative business developed rapidly. He lived in some style at Alburgh, and less than ten years ago he went back to China with a pocketful of money.

At the start, Yee Chin employed British women. When his business took root, and his enterprise seemed safe and assured, he dropped the women and introduced Chinamen. This was done gradually as his business increased, the women being discharged one by one, and their places taken by imported Chinamen. These Chinese assistants often worked all night. A double shift was employed, and at one time Yee Chin was turning out as much work as a large steam laundry. Then Yee Chin went home to China, leaving some one else in his Newington shop.

Soon after his return to his native land a party of about twenty Chinamen appeared in Liverpool, and some five years ago a number of Chinese laundries sprang up in different parts of the city. The objectionable spraying methods are an illustration of speedy (and dirty) workmanship. An English laundress damps her material either by drawing a wet cloth over it or sprinkling it with her fingers. The Chinaman takes a mouthful of water, and blows it from his lips in a fine spray, not over one garment only, but a succession of garments in turn. It is not a pleasant process to watch, but it shows wonderful skill. "I have been struck more than once by the adroit use of their lips and teeth among these people, and in dealing with thread and lacy material it finds full scope in the laundry. Whether this particular application of facial dexterity is desirable, the patrons of the Chinese may decide."

THE EARTHQUAKE.

A city, teeming with life and joy, is suddenly changed into a tomb—a living tomb, perhaps by the action of the forces of nature. And then we stand appalled at the magnitude of those forces, and look upon what has happened with wonder! Yet our daily life offers a spectacle quite as strange in many respects, if less noticed, because we are more familiar with it. What we eat and drink is changed by the alchemy of nature into bone and muscle, brain and nerve. If a proper drink be chosen, a form of liquid food, all the requirements of nature can be fulfilled. In Van Houten's Cocoa, for instance, one has a beverage that supplies the chemical laboratory of the stomach with all that it requires for the building up of a strong, healthy body and sound nerves.

CHINESE ARMY REFORM.

(FROM THE "TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.)

Peking, Dec. 13th.

During the past fortnight an important advance has been made towards the nationalization of the Chinese army. Though the movement involves the separation of much of the direct control hitherto exercised by the President, Yuan Shih-kai, over the modern-drilled army, it is the natural outcome of reforms long advocated by the Viceroy himself. The Viceroy retains command of the 2nd and 4th Divisions, and that temporarily only. Six of the other divisions have been taken over by the newly reconstituted Ministry of War, of which the President, T'ieh-hang, is a sworn brother of the Viceroy. The Ministry is also engaged in assuming control of the divisions at Wu-chang, at present under Chang Chih-tung, and those at Nanking and Pa-chau. The Government, judging from the telegrams received, has every reason to believe that the reform is popular. The officers are proud to belong to a national army rather than to separate provincial commands.

The uncertain factor is the question of payment, and time alone can show whether the new Ministry will continue the same punctuality of payment which is the secret of the success of Yuan Shih-kai. There is no need of apprehension for some time, funds being available for payment of the divisions under the War Office for at least another year, if not diverted to other uses. The restriction of his command to two divisions has relieved the Viceroy of many burdens of payment hitherto defrayed from provincial revenues.

The reforms contemplated in the army are encouraging. There is a promise of an army budget and an army audit, and a central planning department is to be established. The troops are not to be increased in numbers, but greater efficiency is aimed at. A considerable number of officers are being sent to France, while it is almost certain that measures will not be held next year, and the expenditure of half a million sterling spent over the last manoeuvres will be saved to the country. Another good feature is the attention paid by the Chinese to the temperate reports of foreign experts on the last manoeuvres. With growing knowledge the Chinese seem to have a better perception than they had last year of the many defects of their army organisation.

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"The Japanese girls are absorbing Western ideas about home life. Although the old marriage custom of buying a wife, who is not seen until after the ceremony, is still prevalent, there are likely to be great reforms at no very distant date."

"The Chinese girl, whose interest never wandered beyond her home, is also clamouring for education."

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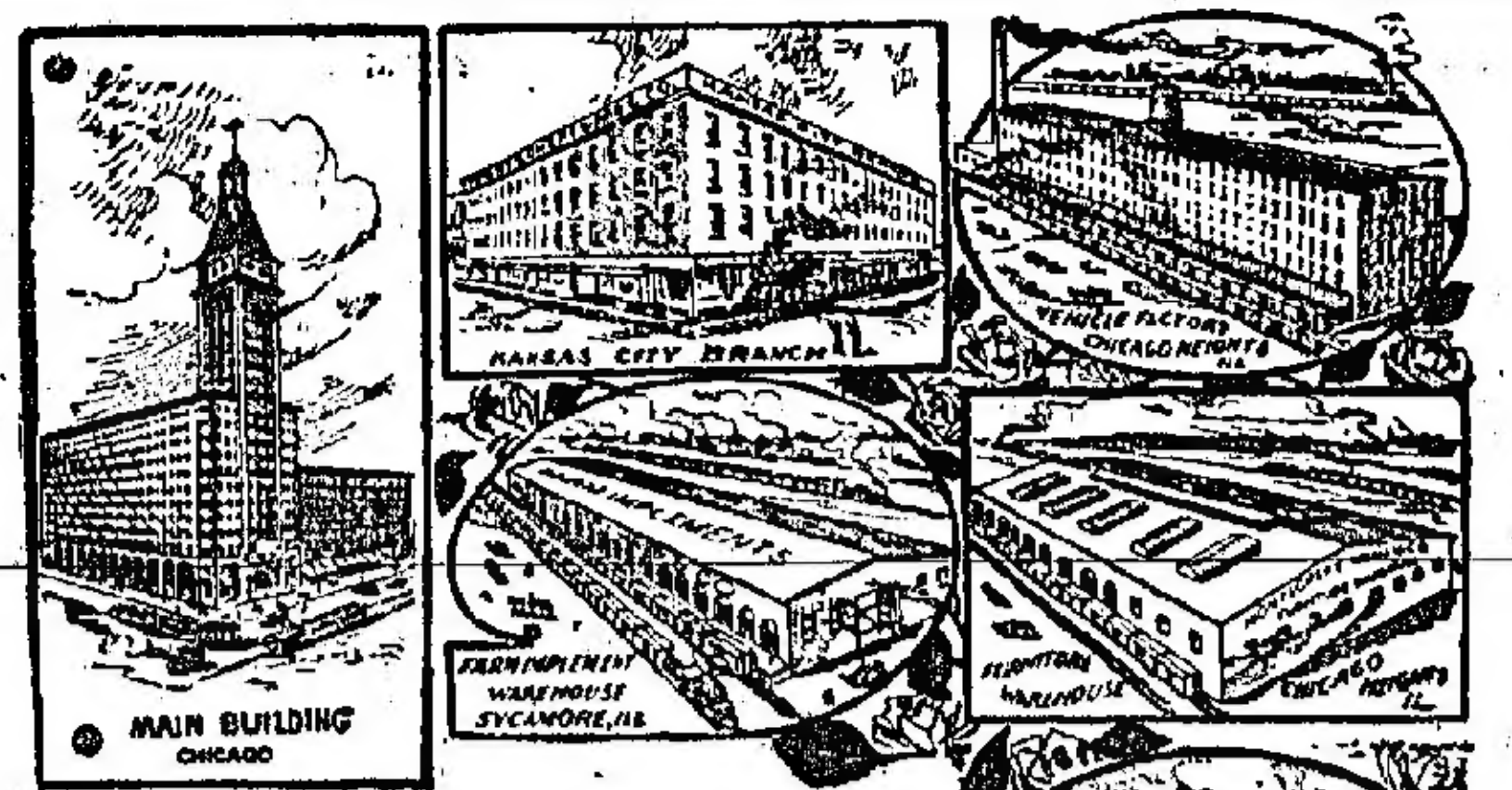
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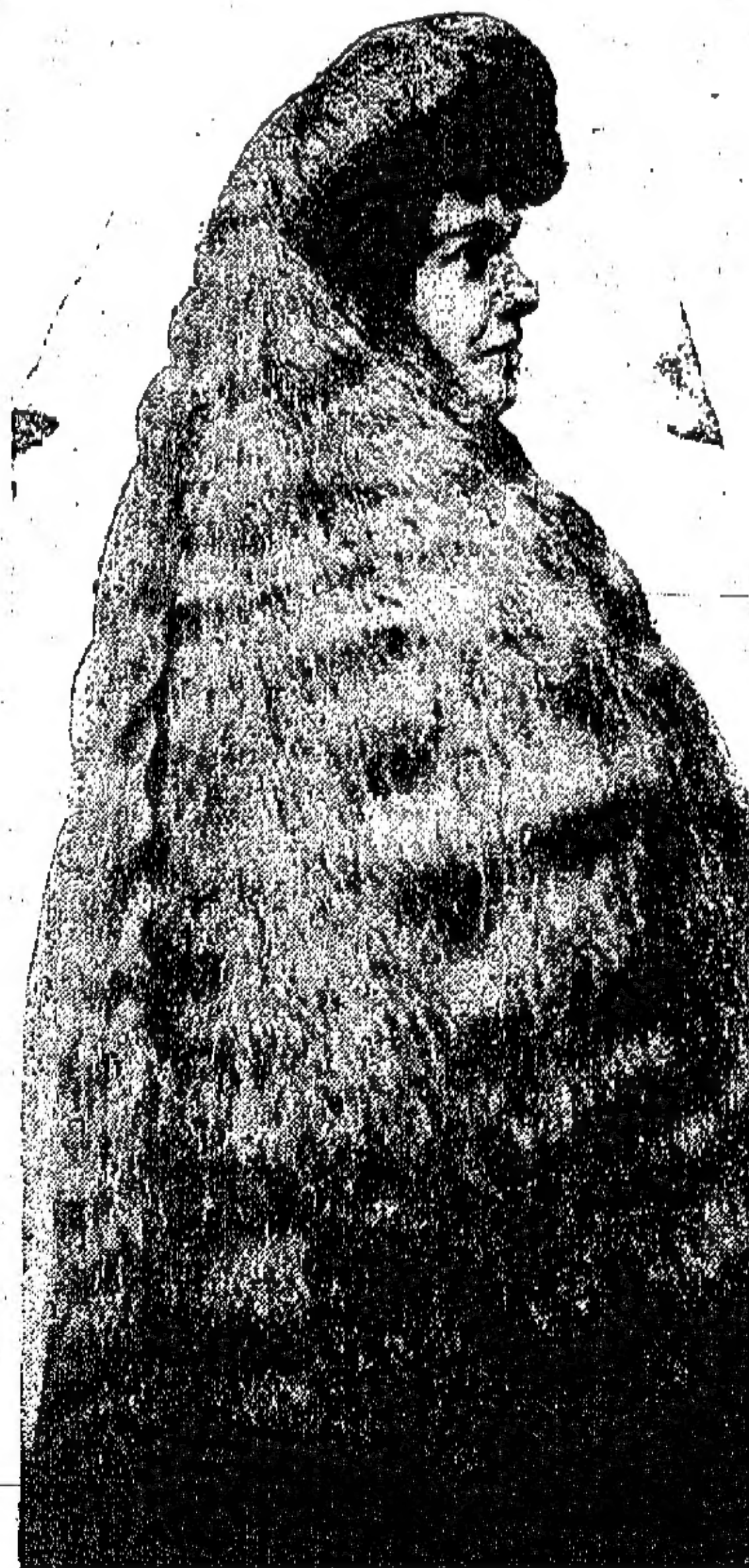
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